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Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of a continuation application from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/243,329, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

In the Specification

Please add the following before the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification.

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/243,329 filed on September 13, 2002, now issued U.S. Patent No. _____, which was a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/674,624 filed on November 3, 2000, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,462,058, which application was the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP00/03881, filed on June 15, 2000.